

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 3 and 6-7. This sheet, which includes Figs. 3 and 6-7, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 3 and 6-7.

Attachment: Drawing Replacement Sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 23 are now pending in the present application. Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding office action. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE – M.P.E.P. § 608.01(B)

Objection is made to the abstract of the disclosure because it contains more than one paragraph. In response to said objection, applicants have amended the abstract of the disclosure such that it contains only one paragraph.

OBJECTION TO DRAWINGS – 37 C.F.R. 1.84(r) and M.P.E.P. 608.02

Objection is made to the drawings because the term “initiate” in Figure 6 apparently is misspelled. In response to said objection, applicants have amended Figure 6. Objection also is made to Figures 6-7. Examiner states that arrows showing the direction of program flow in Figures 6-7 are strongly recommended. In response to said objection, applicants have amended Figures 6-7 to include such arrows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, the following paragraphs have been amended to correct minor editorial defects: (a) the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17, (b) the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, (c) the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 19, and (d) the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15.

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

In amended Figure 3, element numeral 304, which is not referenced in the specification, is removed. In amended Figure 6, arrows connected to element numerals 620 and 622 have been amended to correct minor editorial defects. In amended Figure 7, one of the two duplicative

element numeral 102s has been removed, and previously omitted element numerals 704 and 724 have been added.

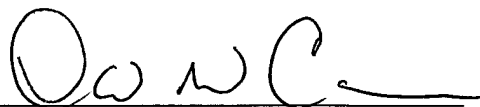
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any outstanding issues that the examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the examiner is cordially invited to contact David W. Carstens at 972.367.2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payments that may be due for additional claims to Deposit Account 50-0392.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D W C', followed by a horizontal line.

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